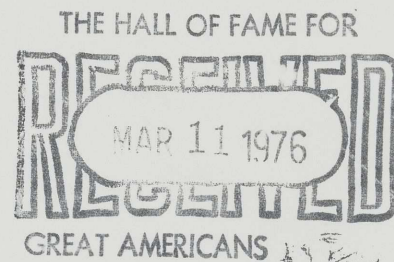




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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation, a religious women's organization with over 8,000 members, I am writing to endorse the election of Clara Barton to the Hall of Fame for Great Americans.

In this Bicentennial year and International Decade of Women, it is particularly fitting that this citizen's significant contributions to this nation be recognized and honored in this manner.

Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, initiator of the first public school system in New Jersey, and the recipient of the 25 decorations and numerous citations for her heroic work on battlefields, including proper burial of 12,800 Union and 400 Confederate dead and marking of their graves and the location of 20,000 of the 80,000 men missing from the Union armies, gained for herself the title, "Angel of the Battlefield." The first woman clerk in the Washington, D.C. Patent Office, Clara believed that she was "born free." During her decades of ministering to human suffering, she had occasion to consult with nine of the Presidents of her country, beginning with Abraham Lincoln. She was 40 when she began her career as Civil War nurse, at a time when the idea of a woman nursing soldiers under fire was outlandish.

When she died, the Boston Herald wrote: "No daughter of Massachusetts has become more widely known, or has left a name that will live longer than Clara Barton...The Red Cross work will go on without her--but the soul and spirit which she put into it are there to stay."

Clara Barton was born in North Oxford (MA) on Christmas Day in 1821. Her Birthplace was purchased in 1921, on the centenary of her birth, by the Association of Universalist Women.

The Clara Barton Birthplace, which is furnished with many of Clara Barton's personal possessions and Civil War relics

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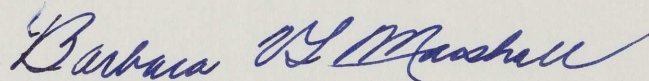
and priceless original pieces fashioned by her family and in the Colonial period, is now operated by the Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation as a museum, open to the public.

On the same property is the Clara Barton Camp for Girls with Diabetes, the first camp in the nation for diabetic children, which was created as a humanitarian service project to serve as a living memorial to Clara Barton.

The enclosed publications, Angel of the Battlefield and The Birthplace of Clara Barton, sent to you with our compliments, further detail her services for this country.

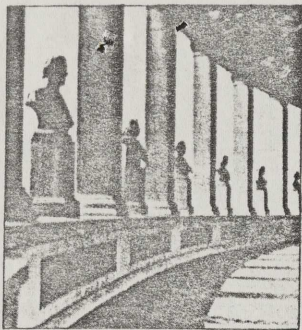
The Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation urges you to elect Clara Barton to the Hall of Fame for Great Americans, and thereby honor a United States citizen who has made lasting contributions to society and been acclaimed by the public.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Barbara V.L. Marshall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Barbara" being more prominent and the last name "Marshall" following in a similar style.

Barbara V.L. Marshall
Executive Director

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March 17, 1976

Barbara V. L. Marshall
Executive Director
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Dear Ms. Marshall:

The Hall of Fame would like to acknowledge your letter of support for Clara Barton's nomination on behalf of the Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation.

I would also like to thank you for the two booklets you sent, Clara Barton, Angel of the Battlefield and The Birthplace of Clara Barton. We appreciate them very much.

We welcome your interest in The Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

Louise K. Forman

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